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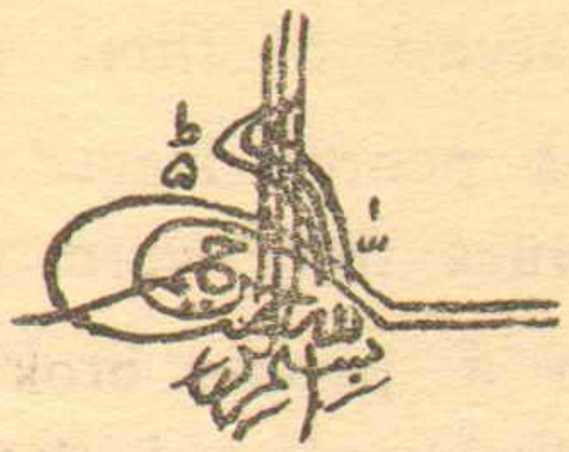

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Why Nations Decline?

The Holy Prophet's warning

The Holy Prophet of Islam, (born 570 A.D.) has currently a following of over 500 million people spread over compact areas of the East from Indonesia to Morroco. Born in humble circumstances, he and his faith made meteoric progress within a short period of 40 years. He has as great a place of distinction in history as a man of wisdom as he enjoys among founders of great world religions. Once addressing his companions, he delineated the causes of the decline of nations in the following terms which hold good as much today as they did in his time.

"There are five evils of such magnitude that I seek the protection of God against their prevalence among my followers, at any time, as their influence spells total disaster for nations.

Firstly, whenever a nation indulges in unrestrained open immorality, it suffers, as a follow-up, from epidemics and diseases that have seldom afflicted people before it.

Secondly, whenever a people are given to measuring out short weight, they have had invariably to face famine, hardships and oppression as the harvest of their sin.

Thirdly, whenever a people lagged behind in the payment of poor-tax and charity-dues they were visited with drought.

Fourthly, whenever a people broke their covenant with God and His prophets, they suffered the humiliation of slavery as subjects of their enemies who invariably denied them their rights.

Fifthly, whenever the priests of a people twisted the teachings and law of religion to fit it in with their own ends, there arose among them never-ending dissensions and civil war". (Seerat by Ibne Hisham vol. III Page 88).

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Islam and "Black Moslems".

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The question has been raised in many quarters since the accentuation of racial bitterness compaign led by Elijah, the leader of the group. That the coloured slaves stolen from Africa by the white men and used in the American continent and islands as beasts of burden is a bleeding sore of racial history none can deny. The relationship of master and slave has no doubt changed and so have the early conditions that arose as its logical concomitants making the Negro's life and lot painful assignments. But the spirit of hostility and discrimination still persists and even in the midst of growing opportunities the de jure equality granted him in law is hardly allowing the Negro an elbow room. He is still an outcaste. It is in just indignation and as a token of the long suppressed and long smouldering anger that a section of the Negro leadership has taken up the slogan of Islam, a religion that secured their African ancestors freedom from the Roman yoke in the 7th century, in the hope that it might again lead them to the cherished goal of national emancipation from the 20th century dollar domination of white America. Islam stands for the unity of mankind as one family springing from a single stock and stresses human brotherhood. At the same time Islam distinguishes between a believer and a disbeliver setting one apart for spiritual reward from the other who must suffer for his sins. Since the white have treated the black as a distinct species and not as members of the human race, the "Black Moslem" leadership in retaliation freezes that division and applies the epithet of "Devil" to the slave-driving white, perhaps not too unjustly, even deservedly as the inhuman 100-year long lynchings of the Negro would certainly earn the perpetrators no better title.

In the light of data cluttering the three centuries of U.S. Negro slavery, black man would be justified in working for a break-away from the white man. If that feeling is finding a channel through the "Black Moslem" leadership in unvarnished vocabulary, it should not be a matter of surprise. Hatred breeds hatred and anger does not wait to blunt its barbs. What is a

matter of surprise is that why indignation found expression so late and why it is not vocal enough. One has only to look back to organised and deliberate class hatred white man has left in his trail in the shape of charred bodies of black men and women. No game animal was put to flame alive; the black man was and the white mass opinion endorsed it. The "Black Moslem" cannot, therefore, be blamed for calling the white men names. They could use even more harsh language. And it is for the white man to see that they do'nt. He has only one way of fixing it, by giving the black man his due, in other words by making it up to him and doing it so nicely and so sincerely and in such a generous and genuine measure that all the black sin of centuries that has stained the record of the white is washed off clean. That is as far as the black versus white goes.

The question whether "Black Moslems" are part of Islam is still unanswered. I will not attempt to answer it in a curt yes or no. I will leave it to the readers and to the "Black Moslem" leadership to draw their own conclusions.

Islam is the religion of "Peace with God", One, Invisible, Eternal, Non-Discrimanting Lord-God, neither having partner, nor progeny, disdaining to frame Himself in a mortal form. Historically, it is the religion brought by the Holy Prophet Muhammad in the shape of the Holy Quran, the word of God, in the 7th century of the Christian era. Islam teaches equality of men of all colours and climes; there is life after death, a judgement Day and laws determining measure of reward and punishment. It believes in purity of human nature and in the final salvation of all through Grace and in earlier books and prophets of earlier dispensations. It further enjoins that all the earth and its wealth is the common property of all mankind; all are entitled to basic needs but the measure of remuneration is in proportion to work, both manual and intellectual and that men should make sacrifices for peace; working for the welfare of mankind is the highest form of worship and all are free to practise the faith of their choice; that government should be through consultation and consent and wars of aggression are a crime against human progress and that love is the antidote to hatred; forgiveness is a highly approved virtue and human life

and liberty are inviolate. If "Black Moslem" leadership subscribes to these views, it is certainly part of the Islamic world. But if it is setting up a new God, a mortal man in divine mantle and a new Prophet preaching hate philosophies under the original name-plate, it is building its foundations on sand and must flounder in extinction.

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Will the Christians Answer?

The foundation of Christianity lies upon the basis that Adam committed a sin and the sin be came hereditary to his incessant generations. The mercy of God desired man to be sanctified of this sin but being Just He could not forgive him without punishment. He therefore, sent His son Jesus Christ to die on cross to save the humanity from the consequences of the sin which he inherited from his ancestor, ADAM, and therefore he died on cross being accursed for it is written, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree". He died on the cross, but being son of God, he overcame death and therefore rose on the third day and thence ascended to heaven from whence he would come back with glory and glamour.

Most respectfully I request my Christian friends to answer the following questions which I am fully sure strike each and every reasonable mind today.

1. Suppose Adam committed a sin (whereas there are ample proofs that he did actually not) and became liable to death. Had he not been able to commit this so-called sin, shall we then believe, that he and his generations would have been immortal and would then the number have not been increased to such an unimaginable extent that our earth would not have been sufficient for those millions and millions of inhabitants? We are clamouring of our present population's insufficient amenities which would not have been a fraction of that population had that population existed. Doesn't it clearly show that it was not due to the sin of Adam that human race had to suffer death rather it was the will of God Himself and therefore a natural phenemenon?

2. Adam committed a sin and became liable to death but what about animals, birds and insects ? Did they also commit sin and became captive of death?

3. Adam committed a sin and became liable to death according to our Christian friends. But what sin did God Himself commit that he had to undergo the pangs of death? God died for three days and rose up again and man dies and rises up again as well which would be proved in 14th question otherwise whom to judge and what to judge? What is then the difference between MAN and GOD ?

4. "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it (not the tree of life) for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2 : 17) The penalty of sin was DEATH IN THE VERY DAY HE EATS THE FRUIT but strange to say that Adam did not surrender to this penalty and did not die "IN THE DAY" he ate the fruit, rather he lived for nine hundred and thirty good years. When God saw that Adam did not surrender to his prescribed punishment he imposed another punishment upon him saying "Because thou hast eaten of the tree.....in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till.....unto dust shalt thou return". (Combining death and labour) ....Would our Christian friends tell whether the "SINLESS SON OF MAN" did not undergo the same trouble and did not work with his father Joseph the carpenter to earn his living ? And whether those who have believed in him and have confessed their sins, do not, "*in sorrow and sweat of the face*" eat their bread?

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5. The atonement is based on Jesus' "SINLESSNESS but we find that there are so many other persons who were exempt from the so-called fall of Adam; then what was the use of Jesus becoming atonement when it was quite possible to be saved of this so-called sin without seeing, obeying, following and confessing one's sins as the Christians do? We find Enoch walking with God for three hundred years. (Gen. 5:22) which has never been observed among the followers of Christ the SAVIOUR. We find Noah being righteous before God. (Gen. 7:1) We are also told that Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth walked in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. (Luke 1:6) We also observe another person called Melechiseded, made like unto the son of God abiding continually. (Heb 7:3) What then remains the need of the son of God when the people could be sinless without confessing to him, or were they the children of another Adam, the sinless?

6. If at all the sin was commited (although it was not) then we must remember that it was first committed by woman (Gen. 3:6) and through her the sin peneterated to man. If the sin is hereditary then we must eventually have to believe that women, the direct generations of Eve, are more liable to sin.

That is why the Bible says, "What is man, that he should be clean? And he, which is born of woman that he should be righteous"? (Job 15:14) Again it says, "How then can man be justified with God or how can he be clean that is born of woman." (Job 25:4) Shall I be able to ask my Christian friends as to whether MARY "the young *woman*" was one of them or not, then how can Christ be called righteous, clean or justifiable with God? Was he not born of a WOMAN? Especially when he was without the agency of lesser sinner, "the MAN?"

7. We must not also forget that the penalty of woman's eating fruit was, "In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children." Shall we ask our Christian friends to show us whether Mary the mother of Christ did not undergo the same trial when giving birth to Christ? Does't it prove that she also was not exempted from the sinfulness? And do the Christian women who have submitted to Christ "the Saviour", not undergo the same penalty or have they been exempted from it as compared with other non-Christian women? If not, then, what good did their belief in their "saviour" do to them?

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8. According to the Christians, Christ died and redeemed Christians from the yoke of inherited sin, whose penalty was death. Does it mean that only the disbelievers in Christ die and the Christians have been redeemed of death?

9. Suppose Jesus Of Nazerath (May peace descend upon him) was the son of God due to his attributed proclamation of being His son. Though he himself never considered being God or son of God as the Christians believe, (John 17 : 3 ; Luke 9:18-21; Mark 8 : 27-30, 12 :19) then what shall be done of those whom he called, "Ye are Gods" (John 10 : 34) About whom God Himself announced, "Israel is my son, even my first born." (Exod 4 : 22; He (Solomon) shall be my son and I WILL be his father." (I Chron. 22 : 10) which (Adam) was the son of God." (Luke 3 : 38) Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the CHILDREN of God." (Matth. 5 : 9) I WILL be his (Solomon) father and he SHALL be my son." (II Samuel 7 : 14 Thou (David) Art my Son; this day have I begotten THEE." (psalm 2 : 7).

I dare ask my Christian friends, Shall all of them be taken as sons of God and to be adored as partakers of Divinity?

10. Our Christian friends believe in the Godhead of Christ because they assert that he showed some miracles but we are sorry to find Christ denying this claim. On the contrary, he lays emphasis against it by saying, "There SHALL NO SIGN BE GIVEN to them BUT the sign of the Prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so *shall* the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of earth." (Matth. 12:39-40) Shall we then believe in the words of Christ (peace be upon him) to be true and depend upon this only sign even which remained unfulfilled because Jonas entered the belly of whale alive, ramained there alive and came out alive but the son of man according to the claim of our Christian friends, entered the heart of earth dead, remained there dead and then rose to the heavens though witnessed by none; Or we believe in the statement of Christians and reject their master's statement?

11. Suppose he showed some miracles as a proof of his Godhead, shall we then have to believe in all such persons who showed similar miracles or even greater than that of Christ's as partakers of divinity? If it be so then the Christians are compelled to believe in Elisha (II King 4:35; 13:21); Ezekiel (37-10); Elijah (I Kings 17:22); Joseph (Gen. 46:4-30); Moses (Exodus 7:20); Aaron (Exodus 8:6; 17; 11:10) as Gods and to adore them likewise. Shall our Christian friends combine them and adore them along with Christ when worshipping?

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12. We must also remember the statement of Christ, "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." (Mark 13:22) It clearly shows that miracles and wonders are not the criterion of divinity, on the other hand, they can be performed by the false prophets as well. Is it not then the time for our Christian friends to modifiy their test of divinity as working of miracles is not the sure test? Especially, when the case of Christ himself comes under the statement of Deut. 18:20 and does not enable him to stand the test of a true prophet. (May God forbid).

13. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matth. 17:18-20) In another verse we find him saying, "Verily, verily,

I say unto you, he that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do ; because I go unto my father." (John 14:12) . Doesn't it clearly show that miracles and works of wonder are not the sign of divinity, rather they only demonstrate the strength of one's faith. I shall be extremely grateful to have any of my Christian friends perform only one miracle similar to their master's, raise a dead and testify the truthfulness of their divine master.

I am sure, if they take up this request, the world would be very much grateful, the cloulds of doubt and dubiety will disappear and the banner of cross will flutter higher than ever. But if they fail, and they would surely fail, then they must admit that they lack even a grain of mustard's seed's faith.

14. We must also remember that, suppose, Jesus died in expiation of human sins but being God he overcame death, then we are at a loss to understand that after his victory over death, why didn't he show himself openly to the disbelieving Jews to prove that he is God immortal and death could not overtake him, rather he overcomes death. We, on the other hand, find him taking all precautionary steps to avoid a meeting with Jews, fearing that if they knew that he was still alive they would put him to death right away. Doesn't it clearly show that he was a mortal human and not an immortal God?

15. Suppose Christ (peace be upon him) died on cross (which is evidently baseless) and rose on the third day, shall we be able to ask our Christian friends that, doesn't it show, that, the TRIO, "three in one", because of Christ's being a part and parcel of it, was dead for three days, as the death of one involves the death of the others? Or, are we to believe that all three were separate persons and death of one did not effect the others ? Then how three different persons can become one and the same person?

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16. Since the atonement is indispensable for the salvation, shall the believers in atonement name the person who suffered for the generations preceding Jesus Christ ? If none, then, where goes the LORD'S JUSTICE ? We are also told by the modern astronomy that there are other stars or planets too which are inhabited. If for their redemption too the SON OF MAN

is to undergo the crucifixion then shall we be able to know as to whether he is now sitting on the right hand of God or is ever undergoing crucifixion in one star or another? Besides, where is the textual proof of his sitting on the right hand of God and did the relater himself go along with him to bear witness and can we define the right hand of God as to where it is?

17. Suppose Christ suffered death in expiation of the sins of Christians, do the Christians not then commit sins? If the answer is in negative it is clearly against the facts. If it is said that although they do commit sins yet they are forgiven, then why do you punish your members if they break the rules of your society or mission?

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18. It is again asserted that Christ became sacrificed for the redemption of the humanity but the human nature always disagrees with this idea as, it always requires lower things to be sacrificed for the higher things and not the vice versa. You can easily see on a battle field that a common soldier would deem his duty to sacrifice himself for his colonel, who in his turn would be quite glad to lay down his life for his general and so on. When it is the question of the king's life, the commander would be quite ready to offer his own life at the altar of his master. But the sacrifice of the SON OF MAN runs counter to it. Why?

19. "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him". (Gen. 1 : 27) It is evident that human mind loves mercy and justice who has been created in the image of God. In other words, mercy and love are the attributes of God which he manifested for the humanity (as the Christians observe) through killing His son. It clearly shows that He was merciful to humanity but merciless to His own son. Why? It is strange that He shows justice to human beings but does not manifest it when His own son is concerned, and killed him without his own will. Is it conceiveable? Does it correspond with exalted Divine attributes?

20. Sacrifice is always offered willingly. Unwilling murder is never called sacrifice and the sacrifice of Christ was an unwilling murder. Had he not been betrayed by one of his twelve disciples he would never have offered himself as a sacrifice. His prayers in the garden of Gethsemane are sufficient proof

of this assertion, (Matth 26 : 36) then why should he be called a sacrifice for the sins of humanity? Wasn't this sacrifice imposed upon him by his father as he himself was unwilling to undergo it and was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death, and asked Him, "If it be possible, (for Whom everything is possible) let this cup pass from me"? Then what was the use of that unwilling sacrifice which he did not offer himself but was compelled to offer?

21. It would certainly embarrass our Christian friends to know that according to the Old Testament, if we take the assertion of the Christians into consideration, that Christ died on cross, he proved himself to be a false prophet (may God forbid) because it is written, "The prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak a word in the name of other Gods, even that prophet shall die." (Deut. 18:20) Christ died an accursed death and testified his own falsehood. (may God save us from such convictions and may peace descend upon him). Are we then to believe in the statement of the Old Testament and reject Christ or to reject the authenticity of the Bible?

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22. The medical science also has now fully proved that Christ never died on the cross. He was rather removed from the cross in a state of deep swoon. Dr. Hugo Toll, an eminent medical authority, incharge of the Stockholm Hospital from 1897 till 1923. says in his book entitled "Dog Jesus pa korset". He says, "The Centurion paid attention to this fact. He knew, perhaps by experience, that people do not usually die by uttering a cry. While he cried aloud, Jesus must have had some force left in him." He continues, "Now Jesus was apparently dead, unconscious. Poor ignorant men did not understsnd that Jesus was not dead. They seem to have buried him in a temporary tomb," "here they laid him because the grave was so near". "Perhaps he found a gardener's mantle which was dirty and ugly". When she (Mary) does not recognise him he says imploringly : "Mary," a single word. But it shows his helplessness and loneliness. Then she will recognise him, she will kiss his hands: but he says : Don't touch me". He was so aching all

over from his wounds that she must not touch him. When he says, "I have not yet gone to my father".

... he uses the very flowery language of the Orient. He meant, "I am not dead yet" .....And he dared not show himself in public lest his enemies find him again.....one day he meets his disciples, but only for a little while. They dare not offer help, dare not walk with him for fear of detection".

Once only (Matth. 28:18) he is talking in his big tone: "I have been given all power in heaven and earth". We doctors know what there is : We call it "Dementia Paramoids".

Are we still to believe that Christ died on the cross ?

23. The photographic science also supports the idea of Christ's being saved from the death on cross. According to it also he was taken down from the cross in a state of severe unconsciousness. His heart still functioned normally. A book published in 1957 in West Germany under the title of "DAS LINNEN" written by Kurt Burma, proves on the basis of photographic science that the marks and the traces left on the shroud in which Christ was wrapped, after having been taken down from the cross, and which is still in existence, show that at the time when he was taken down from the cross, he was still alive; his heart functioned in its normal manner The photographs of the shroud which were taken by G. Enire reveal that the traces left on the shroud are negatives;

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Shall our Christian friends still insist on the death of Christ on cross whereas all the evidences, textual, documentary, scientific, reasonable and natural support his life after cross in the same body of flesh and bones? Doesn't it also show that the atonement is the fabrication of later times?

24. Suppose he died on the cross and rose up on the third day. Can we then know in what body he rose? Was it a spiritual body or a body of flesh and bones ?

(a) If it was a spiritual body then what privilege had the resurrection of Christ over the resurrection of other souls

as each and every soul, vicious or virtuous, must after death have to be resurrected otherwise whom shall Christ judge on the day of judgement and how would his disciples be there judging the twelve tribes of Israel? (Matth. 19:28)

(b) Does the spiritual body need flesh and bones (Luke 24:39)? Does it also require food and drink (Luke 24:42-43)?

(c) If it was the same body of flesh and bones then what would be the answer to the nuclear Physicisst problem which does not allow any material body with flesh and bones to ascend without the aid of any technical instrument?

(d) Another problem which the nuclear physicists face is that if he suddenly became spirit then his sudden dematerialisation would have released enough energy to destroy Jeruslem, even the whole of Palestine, a catastrophe which never occured and is not heard of. What is the answer?

25. Suppose he did rise, which he did actually not as there is no scientific as well as documentary proof supporting it, then we are again involved in a complex problem.

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It is evident that the space is limitless otherwise it cannot be called space. The remotest star which radio-telescope could contact uptill now, is said to be, six thousand million light years away. It is a well-known fact that light travels 300,000 kilometers a second. In this case if we suppose that the body of Christ composed of flesh and bones travelled at a speed of 300,000 kilometers a second (which is obviously impossible) because there are such meteors in the space which can smash even the hardest metal of this earth, much more to say of a human body with flesh and bones and going at a speed of 300,000 kilometers a second, combining vilocity and speed). It will take him at least 12.000.000.000. years to reach the remotest visible star and to return from there, but God is still remoter, upon whose "Right hand" he is sitting in the "Heavens". Shall it not require him an incomprehensible time to reach there? According to this, still, shall we look for another who will come in his name as he himself said, "Behold, ye shall not see me henceforth till ye say, blessed is he that cometh "IN THE NAME OF THE LORD". (Matth. 23:39). Or shall we lose hope of his second advent because it is just two thousand

years since he left the earth and we shall have to wait for an unlimited time ?

26. According to the Bible, Adam did not commit any sin, on the other hand he rather did an act of virtue as it is said, "Behold, the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil : and now lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live for ever ; therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.....sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." (Gen.3:22-24). These verses show that Adam ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge and became knower of good from evil but the tree of life which he was forbidden to eat thereof was still guarded by sword and he could not eat of it. Doesn't it show that death was not the penalty of sin but it was the will of God Himself ? If to eat the fruit of knowledge of good and evil was a sin, and Christ died in expiation of that sin, then we must automatically believe that our Christian friends have been deprived of reason because the sin of Adam was becoming reasonable and Christ has saved them from that sin. The answer is obvious.

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27. We confront another complex problem if we believe in so-called fall of Adam. The Bible says that Adam and his children were not the only contemporary living human beings, on the contrary, there were some others too. We find Cain saying, "And I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth ; and it shall come to pass, that everyone that findeth me shall slay me..... and the Lord God set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him". (Gen. 4 : 14-15). Shall we hope our Christian friends to be kind enough to prove as to whether all the humans before Adam also committed sin and became liable to death or was there any need of "SINLESS SON OF MAN" to undergo the punishment ?

Most fortunately the Christians believe that Adam fell but the punishment he incurred was his becoming reasonable. Now our human mind has inherited reason and therefore everyone likes to ask WHATS AND WHYS and would not like to accept mystries and myths as they are beyond the human reason and

therefore unacceptable. I shall therefore be extremely grateful if our Christian friends could solve these problems in a reasonable way and would not try to resort to the mystries and myths as is well-said by the Encyclopaedea Americana that, "Such modern theories as the "CHRIST MYTH" are rejected by all the scientific historians". (Page 45 Col. 2). I am quite sure that our Christian friends would prove themselves to have benefitted from the fall of Adam and have become reasonable, otherwise we shall be compelled to believe that atonement of Jesus (peace be upon him) has confiscated them of their rhyme and reason.

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In fact Jesus (peace be upon him) was neither God nor son of God, on the contrary he was a human like all other ordinary human beings and therefore his so-called expiation for the sins of humanity was completely of no avail. It has already been proved beyond doubt that Adam never committed a sin, therefore there was no need for anyone to expiate for a thing which never occurred nor did anybody do it. Christ was a true prophet of God who was sent exclusively to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, (Matth. 10 : 5, 15 : 24) to revive their faltering faith. He appeared at an appropriate time but the Jews observing their misdeeds in the mirror of Christ's teachings and taking Scriptures in their literal sense condemned him to cross as is always the habit of the wicked people at the advent of a prophet. (Acts 7:52). They put him on cross to achieve their wicked desire, but he, being an elect of God was saved from this accursed death through His sheer help and mercy. (Heb, 7:3) Christ knew fully well that should he once again appear before the Jews, they would certainly put him to death. He therefore made good his escape, went to Galilee where he was seen by his disciples more than ten times. He ate fish and honey and he offered his body to be touched by Thomas to erase any speck of doubt about his life after cross...When he engrained the fact of his escape from the death on cross, he turned his attention to the remainining lost sheep of the house of Israel who were then abiding in Afghanistain, Kashmir and India (Jewish Encyclopaedia, under Tribes and Malcom, History of Persia, 11, 596, London, 1815). He delivered his message which he was entrusted with to transmit and then died at a ripe

age of 120 years. His tomb can be seen in Khanyar, (Sirinagar. Kashmir); The Holy Quran, the heavenly Scripture of Muslims and exclusively the only word of God, established this fact about 1400 years ago thus declaring, "And their saying, 'We did kill the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the messenger of Allah'; whereas they slew him not, nor crucified (killed him by crucifixion) him, but he was made to appear to them like one crucified; and those who differ therein are certainly in a state of doubt about it they have no definite knowledge thereof, but only follow a conjecture; on the contrary Allah exalted him to Himself. And Allah is Mighty, Wise. (4:158-9). Again it declares: "Believe in Allah and His Messengers, and say not "They are Three". Desist, it will be better for you. Verily Allah is the only God. Far is it from His Holiness that He should have a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Guardian." (172). Again He says: "They are surely disbelievers who say, "Allah is Third of Three", There is no God but one God. ...And if they do not desist from what they say, a grievous punishment shall surely befall those of them that disbelieve". (5:74)

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Is it not therefore expedient for our Christian friends to follow the right path, the path of moderation. They should avoid minting an ordinary human into God nor should they attribute curse to a person who was blessed by God just to enjoy the freedom from every ethical law as is written, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of law, being made a curse for us : for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." (Gal. 3.13) They must tread the path of steadfastness; the path of blessings or in other words, "The Path of Islam".

Can our Christian friends call themselves true Christians if they do not accept their master, the holy Jesus (peace be upon him)? Don't they see it written that he promises them a Comforter as he foretells: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement". (John

16:7-8) Does it not mean that the Comforter had to come after his departure. Did our Christian friends accept the Comforter? Don't they read in the Scriptures, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. How be it when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you". (John 16:13-14)

Doesn't it show that, he, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, must be somebody who would have to guide in all truth". Some of our Christian friends assert this Spirit of truth is the Holy Ghost but in this case we are at a loss to understand as to whether the Holy Ghost did exist in the time of Christ or not. If it did exist then to send it after his departure carries no meaning. If it did not exist then the claim that Christ was the Holy Ghost is of no value. What is the answer?

The second question is that the Spirit of Truth had to guide in "All Truth" but suppose it was the Holy Ghost which descended after the departure of Christ then can we know what new thing did it bring because what we find in the Gospels is what was said and done by Christ and nothing new. What then did the Holy Ghost do?

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There is still a third question that the pronoun used here for the Spirit of Trutn is He which cannot be used for a spirit and has never been used for the Holy Ghost, either in the Gospels or in the Old Testament. Doesn't it show that it must be someone in the form of human being?

We also find it written in the Old Testament that God promised to Moses, addressing Israelites:

"I will raise them up a prophet from amoug their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him". (Deut. 18 : 20)

Does that not correspond with the prophecy of Christ

which is mentioned above. Does he not say of someone who will guide into truth ; one who will not speak of himself rather he will say what he would be commanded from on High ? Doesn't it show that the Comforter and the prophet menti ned in this prophecy of Deut. 8 are one and the same person ?

We also find in the Gospels that there were three prophecies current in the time of Christ. (1) about Elias ; (2) about Christ and (3) about "that Prophet". We find in John 1 : 25 that the people asked John the Baptist, "Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not Christ nor Elias, neither that Prophet".

It is a bare fact that John the Baptist was called Elias by Christ, (Matth. 11 : 14, Luke 1 : 17, Mark 9 : 13, Matth. 17 : 12) therefore the first prophecy about the arrival of Elias is fulfilled in the person of John, the Baptist. The second prophecy about the advent of Christ was fulfilled in the person of Jesus of Nazarth. There remains the fullfilment of the third phrophecy about the coming of *that Prophet*, the prophecy about the Comforter or the prophecy regarding the spirit of truth which has to guide in ALL-TRUTH. Shall our Christian friends point out who it was, we shall have to believe that Christ was a liar. (God forbid) In fact Christ said, "Behold your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you ye shall not see me hence forth, till ye shall say Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." (Matth. 23 : 38-9) This verse clearly shows that someone had to come after his departure and before his second advent. And h who would have to come will come in the "name of the Lord".

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The second conclusion which can be derived from this verse is that after the departure of Christ, the blessings which continued in the House of Israel will be terminated and this house will become desolate. This fact is supported by another saying of Christ which runs thus "Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God SHALL be taken from you, and given to a NATION bringing the fruits thereof". (Matth. 21 : 43).

It shows that after Christ's departure, the heavenly blessings, which existed till then in the House of Israel SHALL be taken away and another NATION will have to replace them as

is said by Moses, (peace be upon him) "I will raise them up a prophet from among their BRETHREN". Hence the nation described by Christ was none other than the brethren of Israel and nobody can deny this fact they were the posterity of Ishmael, the first son of Abraham (Peace be upon them both)

It was according to the promise of God to Abraham that this NATION had to be blessed. God promised Abraham :

"And also of the son of Bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed". (Gen. 21 : 13) Again we read :

"For God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand ; for I will make him a GREAT NATION". (Gen. 21 : 17 - 18) Again we see it written :

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"As for Ishmael, I have heard thee (refers to Abraham's prayer in gen. 17 : 18 that Ishmael might live before thee) : Behold I have BLESSED him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly ; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a GREAT NATION". (Gen 17 : 20-22)

From these references it is quite clear that the generations and the posterity of Ishmael were also to be blessed. Another striking point which is a concrete proof of this claim is that Ishmael (peace be upon him), lived in the desert of PARAN as it is said in Gen. 21 : 21 that :

"And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran : and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt".

And Paran has been described as a place from which Lord God had to manifest Himself as we see in Deut.

"The Lord Came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them, *he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints : from his right hand went a fiery law for them*". This verse shows that the third manifestation of the Lord which will be the most glorious one, with ten thousands of saints and with a fiery law which would consume all the dirt of the human soul and will make them like a new born child, was decreed to occur from the mount Paran or in other words from Arabia, from the posterity of Ishmael who dwelt in the desert of Paran.

In Galatians 4 : 25 we find, "For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia". Although here in this verse, for some incomprehensible reasons, "PARAN" has been changed into "SINAI" because Agar had no connection with Sinai, yet it is clear that there were two covenants, one with Agar in Arabia and the other with Isaac in Jerusalem. We find that from Moses till Jesus (peace be upon them) the covenant was carried on with the posterity of Isaac. Now, according to Christ's proclamation the House of Israel is left desolate and factually too we find that after Christ no prophet appeared from Israelites whereas before him there was a succession of prophets. Doesn't it actully show that the prophecy of Christ that : "your House is left desolate", and "the Kingdon of God SHALL be taken from you" had been completely fulfilled. It remains only the second part of the prophecy that, "and given to a NATION bringing forth the fruits thereof". We have already observed that the NATION assigned here is none other than the Ishmaelites, in Paran, in Arabia. We must also remember that the location of Paran (Arabic Faran, two fugitives) runs between MECCA and MADINA ; and the hills which lie thus are called mount of Paran.

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Arab geographers always called this territory Faran. Therefore the third manifestation of the Lord, the advent of the Comforter, the coming of the Spirit of Truth, the appearance of "That Propet" and the event of the arrival of him about whom Christ said, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord". Matth. 23 : 39) must occur on the mount Paran, in Arabia or in Hedjaz to be exact. Another prophecy in the Old Testament also supports our claim. It runs thus :

"The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanin. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, within a year according to years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail ; And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished ;

for the Lord God of Israel hath spoken it". (Isaiah 21 : 13-17)

These verses also testify that an event of very great significance is going to take place in Arabia. Someone has to fly from drawn sword and bent bow and then, more or less a year after his flight the glory of the children of Kedar (a son of Ishmael (Gen. 25 : 13) living in and around Paran) will have to be diminished and many of their mighty warriors have to be killed.

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If our Christian friends really believe and honour the words of Gospels and the Old Testament, they are then duty bound to find out, who this Spirit of Truth is ? Who has been trusted with the duty of guiding the world into ALL-TRUTH ? Who has been infested with the glorious appearance of the Lord ? Who brought a fiery law and was like unto Moses ? Who did not speak but what he was commanded by God to speak ? Who shined forth from the mount Paran ? Whose descent was traced from Ishmael (peace be upon him) and who made his advent in the valley of Hedjaz in Arabia ?

Shall I be able to ask my Christian friends, Who is that person on whom apply all these prophecies to their letters, if he is not the Holy Prophet of Islam "MUHAMMAD" peace and blessings of God be upon him) ?

Is this not the time for them to come under the banner of Islam and accept the words of their holy Master ? Is it not he who foretold that the Spirit of Truth will appear from another nation and not from Israelites ? Isn't it he who said that the COMFORTER will appear in the period between his departure and his second advent ? Isn't it he who declared that, Hereafter I will not talk much with you for the PRINCE OF THE WORLD COMETH and hath nothing in me". (John 14 : 30) ? Is it not he who said, if ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray to the Father and he shall give you ANOTHER COMFORTER that may ABIDE WITH YOU FOR EVER". (John 14 : 15-16) ? Is he not the one who said, "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father : There is ONE that accuseth you, EVEN MOSES, in whom ye trust". (John 5 : 45) ?

Theses verses show that there will be someone who

would be even greater than Moses. As far as Christ himself is concerned he declares: "Think not I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfil." (Matth. 5 : 17) It does clearly show that Christ himself was a follower of Moses and his law. It is evident that a person under someone's law cannot accuse him which he himself admits, or in other words.....he cannot be greater than him. According to this verse therefore, he, who had to come must be even greater than Moses whose follower Christ himself was. That's why he said, "And He shall give you *another Comforter* that may ABIDE with you forever". This Comforter had to come after Christ and had to bring a perfect law as the law remained imperfect till then. It has already been quoted that Christ said, "I have yet many things to say unto you but you cannot bear them now". We find it supported by the Epistle of St. Paul as well which he wrote to Corin hians. He says, "For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is PERFECT is come, then that which is in PART SHALL BE DONE AWAY". (1 Cor. 13 : 9-10). Do all these references not show that the law, till the time of Christ or even till the time of St. Paul was still imperfect and the COMFORTER had not yet come to give the promised perfect and implicit law which were to abide with humanity for ever and ever?

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I hope that our Christian friends will remember these facts and give them an earliest consideration to enable them to accept the appearance of the Lord from mount Paran, the perfect law-GIVER, the Porter of a NEW Song (Isaiah 42:10), the Pronouncer of ALL-TRUTH. He, through whom the glory of the Children of Kedar diminished, who came with exactly ten thousands of saints, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the COMFORTER, he who is praised for ever and everywhere. The Lord who went forth as a mighty man, who stirred up jealousy like a man of war: who cried, yea, roared; who prevailed against his enemies (Isaiah 42 : 12-13), who appeared from Arabia, the descendant of Ishmael (Peace be upon him), the PRINCE OF THE WORLD, MUHAMMAD (ever-praised), the Holy Prophet of Islam. (may peace and blessings of Allah descend upon him for ever and ever. Amin)

I am sure our Christian friends will be too eager to accept this Spirit of Truth, for they have been waiting for his advent since the departure of Christ. He appeared from the desert of Arabia and shined forth from the mount of Paran. He brought a perfect and complete law which guides into all-TRUTH as is claimed by God in the Holy Quran. He says :

"This day have I prefected your religion for you and completed my favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion." (5 : 4)

He who appeared as a light for them to guide them and to illuminate their way in the darkness of doubt and dubiety, as God says in the Holy Quran :

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"So I will ordain it (mercy) for those who act rightesously, and pay the Zakat and those who believe in Our signs. Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet, the Immaculate one, whom they find mentioned in the Torah and Gospel which are with them.....So those who shall believe in him, and honour and support him, and help him and follow the light that has been sent down with him these shall prosper." (7 : 157-8).

These verses of the Holy Quran show the Holy Prophet of Islam was the prophet which was promised to Israelites by Moses as well as other Israeli prophets till Jesus (peace be upon them all). These verses also show that it is the Holy Quran which is a complete guidance brought by that prophet as is already stated.

There is another criterion laid down by the holy Bible to ascertain, to determine the truth of the Holy Prophet, which shall presume to speak' A WORD' in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if you say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken ? "

"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken presumptuously : thou shalt not be afraid of him". Deut. (18:20-22)

In these verses of the Bible, two ample criterions of the truth of a prophet are mentioned, (1) that the prophet who speaks "A WORD" in the name of God or other gods, that prophet shall have to die. In the case of the Holy Prophet of Islam we observe that not only a complete and comprehensive book of law had been given by him but he also claimed every now and then that these are the pure words of the Al-Mighty which have been revealed to him and continued to be revealed, yet, his life was so glorious and successful that even his greatest critics admit it. Is it not a glittering evidence of his truth? I quote hereunder the words of only one critic, although the examples can be found in abundance :

"Muhammad was one of the great figures of history, and to that the continuing vitality of Islam over thirteen centuries bears ample witness. No one indeed can withhold his admiration from the one who beginning as a simple preacher in Mecca, triumphed over persecution and disappointment and courageously emigrated to Medina, there in ten short years to unify the greater part of Arabia and to establish the Muslim Community so surely that within ten years of his death, his followers were masters of Syria, Persia and Egypt. It was however no military victory like that of Alexander or Nepoleon, but the achievement of a prophet who spoke and acted in the name of God" (The Way of the Prophet; by David Brown, pp 68-9)

His magnificient successes show that he was a true prophet and he was the true fulfilment of the prophecies of Psalms which run thus :

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"The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool". "Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies". "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent. Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek". "The Lord at thy hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries." (110 : 1-6) Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was given

a promise by God that God will save him from human hands. We find the fulfilment of this promise in such a marvelous way that its example cannot be found, neither in the history of yore nor will it be found in the future history. Numberless attempts were made on his life. He was attacked by a host of enemies very many times. He was tried to be killed by poisoning at a number of occasions, yet God fulfilled His promise and saved him in an astonishing manner. Is that not what was written in the Scriptures, "If the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken"? And if it is contrary, then the prophet is a true prophet, is the conclusion."

As regards the Holy Quran, It is quite easy to ascertain its being the pure word of God. The Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was unlettered and illiterate. He never went to any university nor did he undergo studies in any school. We find the world well-advanced in all the sciences today including the literature, which has also developed extremely.

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If an illiterate person can write something like the Holy Quran, it is quite easy for the literary world of to-day to produce a better one. We are quite sure that our Christian Arabic Scholars will be very glad to take up this duty to show the world that the Holy Quran does not stand the test of its being from God, rather a like of it can be produced by the human hands. But we assure the world in the very words of the Holy Quran which are spoken by Allah the Omniscient Himself, He says :

"Say, "If mankind and the jinn gathered together to produce the like of this Quran, they could not produce the like thereof, even though they should help one another". (17 : 89)

"Do they say, he has forged it? Say, then bring ten chapters like it, forged, and call on whom you can beside Allah, if you are truthful". (11 : 14)

Again :

"And if you are in doubt as to what We have sent down to our servant, then produce a chapter like it ; and call upon your helpers beside Allah, if you are truthful". (2:24) He

He further says:

Do they say, he has forged it? Say, Bring then a sura like unto it, and call for help on all you can besides Allah, if you are truthful". (10:33)

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From these verses of the Holy Quran, it is crystal clear that it is not within the capacity of any human being to produce like the Holy Quran. This challenge has been extended to all the times, to all the peoples of all the countries of the world. Fourteen hundred years have passed and nobody attempted it, the challenge still stands. Would our Christian friends try to take up this challenge to be able to guide the world to the path of salvatiou. But I repeat here the Words of the Holy Quran, "But if you do it not - AND NEVER SHALL YOU DO IT - then guard against the fire, whose fuel is men and stones, which is prepared for the disbelievers". (2:25) The Holy Prophet of Islam was a man. If a single individual could produce such a magnificient work, it is not far from the collective capacity of a group of people to produce a far better and more astounding work, but if our Christian friends find it impossible and they would surely find it impossible, it would then be better for them to believe in its being word of God and to submit to its laws to save themselves from the prescribed punishment.

I am sure, our Christian friends would try to study the Holy Quran, which is the last and the perfect law from the All-knowing God and would submit to its teachings to save themselves from the dangers of punishment and perdition as there is no imperfect man-made law which can cause the world, torn by contrast and contradiction, to emerge from these perilous aspects of the present day world, prosperously and peacefully. Hence it is better for our Christian friends to follow the word of God, instead of standing against it because no one can stand the decision and decree of heavens. (And the most unfortunate are those who contradict the words of God because they are the losers in both the worlds.

In fact the reasonable Christian world has commenced to

admit that the Holy Quran is not and cannot be a human production, rather it is an inspiration or revelation from the All-Mighty. It would prove useful to quote hereunder the conclusions drawn by a Christian critic. He says :

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"As we have seen, the Qur'an cannot be considered to be a literary production of which Muhammad is the author. Its value and its very beauty raise it in a fashion above literature, both because of its origin and because of the character attributed to it. The full effect of a work of art and of this one in particular is the result of a contact and a collaboration between the thought out of which it issues and the thought which receives it. The Quraan is an inspired book. It is at least so because it is not the mere fruit of the conscious discursive thought of Muhammad or because his consciousness was in a particular state of which there were various degrees, but which was always distinguishable from the normal state, and which was then linked to his deep sub-consciousness. In some cases it was no doubt personal, but at the same time (one may believe) immersed in a reality which transcended the phenomenal world.....It sets before each soul eternal realities of which the soul already has potentially a "memory" (in a platonic sense). (Mohammad and the Islamic Tradition, by Emile Derminghen translated into English by Jean M. Watt. Page 91).

Doesn't it show without a shadow of doubt that the book which had to be written completely and wholly under the command of God Himself and whose smallest bit were to be from the Omniscient is already there but our Christian friends have not been able or have not cared to recognize it. It had to be sent after the departure of Christ (May peace be upon him) and it duly appeared but our friends still ignore its truth and grandeur. It had to be revealed to the SPIRIT OF TRUTH and the Spirit of Truth came, gave them what was promised of him and passed away a long time ago, leaving his implicit law to abide with us for ever but our Christian friends did not take notice of him rather rejected him with the utmost vehemence. You were expected to be more careful in committing such a mistake, had you not

disregarded the words of Christ who says : "You stiffnecked and uncircumsised in heart and ear, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost : as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted". (Acts 7 : 51-52)

Our Christian friends must not forget the revelations of St. John, the apostle who thus proclaims :

"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks ONE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF MAN, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle". (1 : 13)

"And he had in his right hand seven stars : and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword : and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead, And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not ; I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST." (1:16, 17)

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." (II : 17)

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"To Him that overcometh will I make a piller in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out : and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of God, WHICH is NEW JERUSALEM, which cometh down out of heaven from my God : and I WILL WRITE UPON HIM MY NEW NAME. (III : 12)"

Are not these verses elear and decisive on the point that Some-one had to come after Christ because these are declarations of a disciple and it is an uncontroversial fact that the disciple is the one who follows the master and not who precedes him. Thus the revelations of John the disciple show that what he is prophesying must occur after Christ and cannot be applied to his advent because when these revelations were announced, Christ. Was already gone and so their application to him is out of question.

Now the person who had to come had to be LIKE UNTO THE SON OF MAN and not the son of man himself, he must

be ever-ready to defend the honour of God, must be accompanied with an object containing seven stars, will have to be equipped with spiritual as well as secular knowledge and arguments and will have, like the sun, to influence everything which comes in his way. He is to be the first, the topmost and he is to be the last that no one will be able to abrogate his law. With him would descend heavenly manna and by him will be founded a religion which will have quite a new name which would not be known to anyone, Christ, Moses or anyone else, except to him who brings it. He will pronounce a new name of God and with him would descend a new Jerusalem and his advent will be given the significance of God's own advent.

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I ask my Christian friends to point out the person on whom all these prophecies apply after Christ if it is not the Holy Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him)? He brought the new religion ISLAM, he pronounced the new name of God, ALLAH and he declared MECCA to be the spiritual centre for humanity. He was accompanied with seven stars, the first chapter of the Holy Quran containing seven verses, a beautiful brief sunmmary of the Holy Scripture, and he was pronounced by Allah to be the main object of creation. Will they be able to show some-one else beside Muhammad, the prophat of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), Never and not at all. Won't they then believe? they must also remember the warning given by St. John in this respect :

"BECAUSE THOU sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing ; and KNOWEST NOT THAT THOU ART WRETCHED AND MISERABLE AND POOR, AND BLIND AND NAKED. (Rev. III : 17) would you not listen? and accept?

Shall we expect that our Christian friends would now hurry to accept the Spirit of Truth, the Prince of the World, the Judge, the ever-Praised who appeared in the name of the Lord, the descendent of Ishmael,the demonstrator of the All-TRUTH, the son of the desert of PARAN, the Prophet immaculate, OUR MUHAMMAD, (May peace

and blessings of God descend upon Him for ever and ever) and to come under the peace-giving wings of this noble MASTER whose advent was foretold by Holy Jesus so that his followers would not suffer the same mistake which the earlier people did. Do not lose more time because the time has already far gone and you did not recognise Him yet it can be forgiven because it had been due to the unawareness but now when every thing has been told clearly, if you continue to ignore this truth, it will be a sin which cannot be forgiven.

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The time is not yet gone. Come under the merciful shade of this Prince of the World and be saved. Rush to the peace-giving teachings of the demonstrator of the ALL-TRUTH and be happier. Drink from the elexir given by this ever-Praised and obtain a new heavenly life. Hurry to follow the example of Him who came in the name of the LORD and escape the judgement. This is the only way to attain to peace, prosperity and progress. This is the only path which if treaded will make this world the Garden-of-Eden.

Would you please respond to the call of the heavens. If you won't then the eternal law of God will do its job it is written :

"And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear THAT PROPHET, shall be destroyed from among the people". (Acts : 3 : 23)

Respond to the call of heavens and be among those who are saved

THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST FULFILLED

O my Christian freinds : Hearken lest you forget it what came out of the mouth of your master, Jesus. Thus declares he : concerning his second advent :

"For as the lightening cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west ; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be". (Matth. 24 : 27)

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the power of the heavens shall

be shaken." (Matth. 24 : 29)

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heaven to the other." (Matth. 24 : 31)

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be". "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark. And knew not until flood came, and took them all away ; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matth. 24 : 37-39)

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, see that ye be not troubled for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom : and there shall be famines and plagues, and earthquakes, in diverse places. (Matth. 24 :6-7)

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, Stand in the Holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)."

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These are the signs indicated by Jesus (peace be upon hlm concerning his second event. If we now throw a cursory glance over the events of our present-day world, we find it clearly and quite convincingly that every thing has duly occured, place and the time of his advent has already passed. In fact he appeared accordingly and at the appointed time and has already passed away but the eyes which like to see every thing occur in its literal sense could not recognise him. He appeared in the person of Hazrat Ahmad of Qadian, India, as Elias appeared in his second advent in the person of John the Baptist. It is written "and he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias," (Luke 1 : 17) similarly a different person was to come in the power and spirit of Christ in his second advent. Such is the eternal law of the Al-Mighty that those who are dead will never turn back to this earth as living beings and as it has been proved in the first phase of this article that Jesus of Nazareth is already dead and buried in the valley of Kashmir, he therefore could not return to this earth as a guide or reformer. Rather it would be another person coming in his spirit and power.

According to some Christian authors the time of the second advent of Christ started in 1873 A.D. and exactly this was the year when Hazrat Ahmad of Qadian was bestowed with the gift of revelation.

Now when we turn our attention towards the prophecies indicated above we observe that all these prophecies have been fulfilled in a marvellous manner. The eclipse of sun and the moon occured on 6th April, 1894 on Friday and on 21st March, 1894 on Thursday respectively and both were in the month of Ramazan according to the prophecy of the Holy Prophet of Islam as he told that when the Promised Messiah would appear, the moon and the sun will be eclipsed in the month of Ramazan. The eclipse of moon would occur on the first of its fixed nights and that of sun on the middle of its fixed days, and this has never happened since the creation of the heavens and the earth. How wonderful it is that the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Ahmad was hononred with the revelation before this time and then to prove his truth God showed this exclusively and extremely clear sign. Is there anyone to follow the signs of God and accept His messenger ? Blessed are those who accept.

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When we see the falling of stars we find out that there was a marvellouss phenomena regarding this prophecy. J.H. Fabre writes that the number of shooting stars exceeded 240.000 in hours seven only in Boston when it was seen at its decline. The Universal Encyclopaedia Of Harmsworth writes under the word Andromedide, as follows : "There were some remarkable showers in 1872, 1885 and 1892." How wonderful is the fulfilment of this prophecy for those who have eyes to observe and ears to hear. Blessed are those who observe and pay heed to the words of God.

The second feature of the prophecy is also fulfilled in a most competent way. The misssionnaries and emissaries of Hzarat AHMAD the Promised Messiah have spread all round the world gathering the elects of God and so many thousands have through their efforts joined the fold of Islam.

The third phase of the prophecy is clear enough and no-

body can deny the occurrence of the said floods which are ravaging this sinful world every now and then to prove and testify the advent of the SON OF MAN, Hazrat Ahmad the Promised Messiah. Blessed are those who come under his peace-giving wings to avoid the wrath of God.

As far as the rumours of wars, and rising of nations against nations is concerned, the world has witnessed two extremely devastating wars in 1914-18 and 1939-45. The world has not forgotten, we are sure, their devastating effects. I give hereunder the number of dead, wounded and disappeared persons of the first world war only as published in America. The second world war in this respect was the worst.

Dead 20,66,000+ wounded 3.626,00+Disappeared 2.305.000,
As regards the rumours of wars, even the deaf know that the world is today crying to avoid the destructions of nuclear war.

Has the prophecy not been fulfilled yet ?

Then it is said that at that time the plague will ravage the countries (I am using the word : "Plague" which has been changed or omitted in the new editions of the Bible but in the ancient edition it is "plague").

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Can the world ignore the number of the dead caused by this ruinous epidemic from 1907 to 1913 and in India only where the Promised Messiah appeared. InAmerica the number was 27.82.047. The number of the dead before 1907 is not included. Is there anything still to doubt ?

Refering to the earth-quakes, the number before the claim of Hazrat Ahmad of Qadian, INDIA, to the Messiahship, did not exceed, 12, counting from A.D. 79 but after his claim to have been endowed with the revelation, i.e; 1872-3. A.D. the number exceeded 16, before 1951 only. Thus declares the Daily Mail of London. The quakes after 1951 are not included. The quakes which have ruined so many cities and have obliterated very recently so many towns from the surface of the earth, are on one hand a clear warning from heaven that he who had to come has already appeared and on the other hand the evident proof of the truth of the warner, the Claimant, Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah, of Qadian, India. (May peace

descend upon him).

The Promised Messiah, Hazrat Ahmad, warned the sinful world of the destruction and disasters which were in store for it beforehand. He thus declared in 1906 :

"Death will make such havoc that streams of blood will flow. In fact, so great will be the destruction on the earth's surface as the world has not witnessed before. Many places will be turned upside down, and they will present such scenes of devastation that the world will think they had never been inhabited.

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"The days are near, nay they are at the door, when the world shall see unparalled scenes of devastation. Not only will great earthquakes come, but other calamities from heaven and earth will also visit the earth.

"All this will be brought about because men have forsaken God and with all their heart and soul are bent upon the world. HAD I NOT COME, THESE CALAMITTIES ALSO WOULD HAVE BEEN PUT OFF FOR A WHILE, BUT WITH MY APPEARNCE, THE SECRET DESIGNS OF THE WRATH OF GOD HAVE BEEN MANIFEST, for He says, "the punishment is not sent upon people until a messenger is raised".

"O Europe : thou art not safe, nor thou O Asia ; and ye that dwell in islands, no self-made deity will assist you on that day. I see cities crumbling down and find inhabited places in ruin.....the days of Noah will you again witness and the scene of Lot's land you will see with your own eyes. But God is slow in sending His wrath. REPENT THAT MERCY MAY BE SHOWN TO YOU".

Is there any sagacious heart which will allow the light of heaven sent with the SON OF MAN, in glory, to penetrate ? Is there any soul which would melt when seeing the spiritual truths make their occurrence in such a perfect manner so that the humanity can be saved from these miseries and calamities ? Is there any serious eye which observing the powers of heavens and earth shake would still love to remain ignorant and in darkness ? The SON OF MAN has appeared in his glamour and glory. It now depends upon you O my friends to accept him to enable this

sinful earth to become the abode of righteousness and rectitude. Do not think that anybody would come from heavens because it has never happened and would never happen. Don't you read in the Scriptures : "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the son of man which is in heaven". (John 3 : 14) As the son of man did not come down from heaven so could he not go to heaven as well, and therefore to think of his descent from heaven once again would not be more than folly.

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His descent from heaven meant his pure and perfect heavenly life and coming with glory were heavenly signs which took place after his arrival, otherwise this would not have been said : " Therefore be ye also ready ; for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh". (Matth. 24 : 44) or "The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of". (524 : 50) or "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the son of man cometh". (25 : 13) Do not be like Jews who followed the words and ignored the sense. Who wanted to see Elias coming from heavens so as to believe the arrival of Christ. Who wanted to find Christ coming as a king as was written "the king of the Jews" but when they found him to be the son of a poor carpenter they rejected him with all vehemence and tried to kill him on cross. Is that not an eye-opener for you O my Christian friends ? Do not follow their suit as they did not gain any good by their denial of Christ in his first advent so wouldn't you gain any benefit by rejecting him in his second advent. How beautifully did Christ describe his second advent when he said : "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill, the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch therefore : for ye know not what hour your lord cometh. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready : in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh". (Matth. 24 : 40-44)

How beautifully did he describe his second advent to be hidden and secret. Had he to come inthe glory as our Christian friends consider,

nobody would have left or could leave behind. But such are not the ways of God. To distinguish the righteous from the wrong-doers he must keep same secrets too by which the righteous will be taken and the wrong doers shall be left. The believers can be rewarded and disbelievers can be punished, otherwise no merit can be attributed to man and thus he could get no reward. The eyes which are far-sighted alone can see the moon of first night, but the blind cannot see even the sun at its mid-day glory.

Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah came and showed thousands of signs and miracles to prove his truth. The signs poured from heaven as a shower of rain and the miracles at his hands were witnessed by millions of people. Each and every country and continent witnessed the proofs of his truth so that what was written in the Scriptures be fulfilled i.e. "For as the lightening cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto west; so shall also the coming of the SON OF MAN be". (Matth. 24:27) He appeared from east (INDIA) and his miracles and signs brought his name and fame to America, Africa, and Europe, in fact all over the world but as the moon, hidden behind the clouds, cannot be seen clearly so was his advent for those who had clouds of their worldly passions upon their hearts hidden from their eyes to fulfil the Scriptures, "and they shall see the SON OF MAN coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matth. 24:31) How beautifully Christ described his second advent in this parable. Is there any mind to ponder over and understand?

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One of the great signs of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Ahmad, of Qadian, is his glorious son whose birth was prophesied five years before it occurred. He proclaimed that God had told him that within nine years from this time (1884) he would be blessed with a son, who would, under the Grace and mercy of God, be known unto the ends of the earth and who would through the propagation of ISLAM become the instrument of the release to those held in bondage and of bringing into life those that were spiritually dead". By the grace of Allah, the Al-Mighty, the glorious son was born in 1889 and is now the second successor of the Promised Messiah and present head of the Ahmadiyya Movement. He himself is a recipient of divine revelation and

God has shown a number of miracles and signs at his hand to prove the truth of Islam and its being the only religion which always bears fresh and pleasant fruits. I refer hereunder to a challenge which was addressed by him to the dignitaries of any and every religion. He writes :

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"In addition to offering this intellectual gift, (The Holy Quran's Translation) we invite the attention of all lovers of truth, to WHATEVER RELIGION THEY MIGHT PROFESS ALLEGIANCE, to the golden principle that A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS. The Qur'an yields its fruits in every age and those who are devoted to it become the recipients of divine revelations and God manifests His powers through them. Why should we not, in our search for the truth, seek assistance not only from reason and reflection but also from our observations of the fruits that other Scrigtures yield ? The world would be materially assisted in its search for truth IF CHRISTIANS COULD PERSUADE THE POPE OR OTHER HIGH CHURCH DIGNITARIES to put forward the REVELATION received by them as against those received by me for the purpose of determining which of them are true manifestations of God's power and knowledge.

... THE POPE ANE OTHER ECCLESIASTICS WHOSE PREDECESSORS, IN DEFIANCFE OF THE PACIFIC TEACHINGS OF JESUS, WERE EVER EAGER TO INCITE CHRISTENDOM TO UNDERTAKE CRUSADES AGAINST MUSLIM STATES, SHOULD BE ONLY TOO EAGER TO EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITY OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS SPIRITUAL CRUSADE. If they were inclined to accept, or COULD BE PERSUADED BY THEIR FOLLOWERS TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION, it might prove an effective means for healing the spiritual ills from which mankind has so long suffered. The Majesty and Power of God would then manifest itself in an extraordinary manner and would help to establish the faith of man and guide his spiritual development."

It would not be out of place to make a reference to the letter sent to His Holiness Pope John XXIII by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, 63 Melrose Road, London, S.W. 18, on 13th October 1962, at the occasion of the world Church Conference in which about 3,000 fathers from all over the world took part

on 13th October 1962 in Rome, in which an invitation was extended to His Holiness as follows :

"Worthy Pope, Let the followers of the Promised Messiah be given an opportunity to address the Vatican Council under your chairmanship, on the subject "The Prophecy regarding the second advent of Jesus Christ has been fulfilled in the person of Hazrat Ahmad." The audience will be given opportunity to clear their doubts by asking questions."

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"We, the followers of the Promised Messiah are even prepared to debate the issue in a friendly atmosphere.

"Let this issue be not taken lightly as on it alone lies the salvation and safety of the world".

But it is most regretful that the Sagacious Pope had not been gracious enough to honour the Community with a favourable reply. Had we been given the opportunity, the world would have known right from wrong and truth from falsehood.

The above-mentioned challenge of the Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement still stands. Is there any Christian to persuade the Pope, or the Arch-bishop of Canterbury or the High dignitaries of all the Churches to take up this request to enable the world to determine the path leading to the direction of righteousness, rectitude and heavenly life? But as it had never been taken up before so shall it not be taken, I am sure, now and afterwards.

The pope and other church dignitaries have, by not acceptnig this challenge, proved that Islam is the only religion which is based on truth and has Divine sanction.

Shall our Christian friends respect the call from heavens and accept it with heart and soul to become the partakers of the Kingdom of Heaven for which Holy Jesus (peace be upon him) came to prepare the way ?

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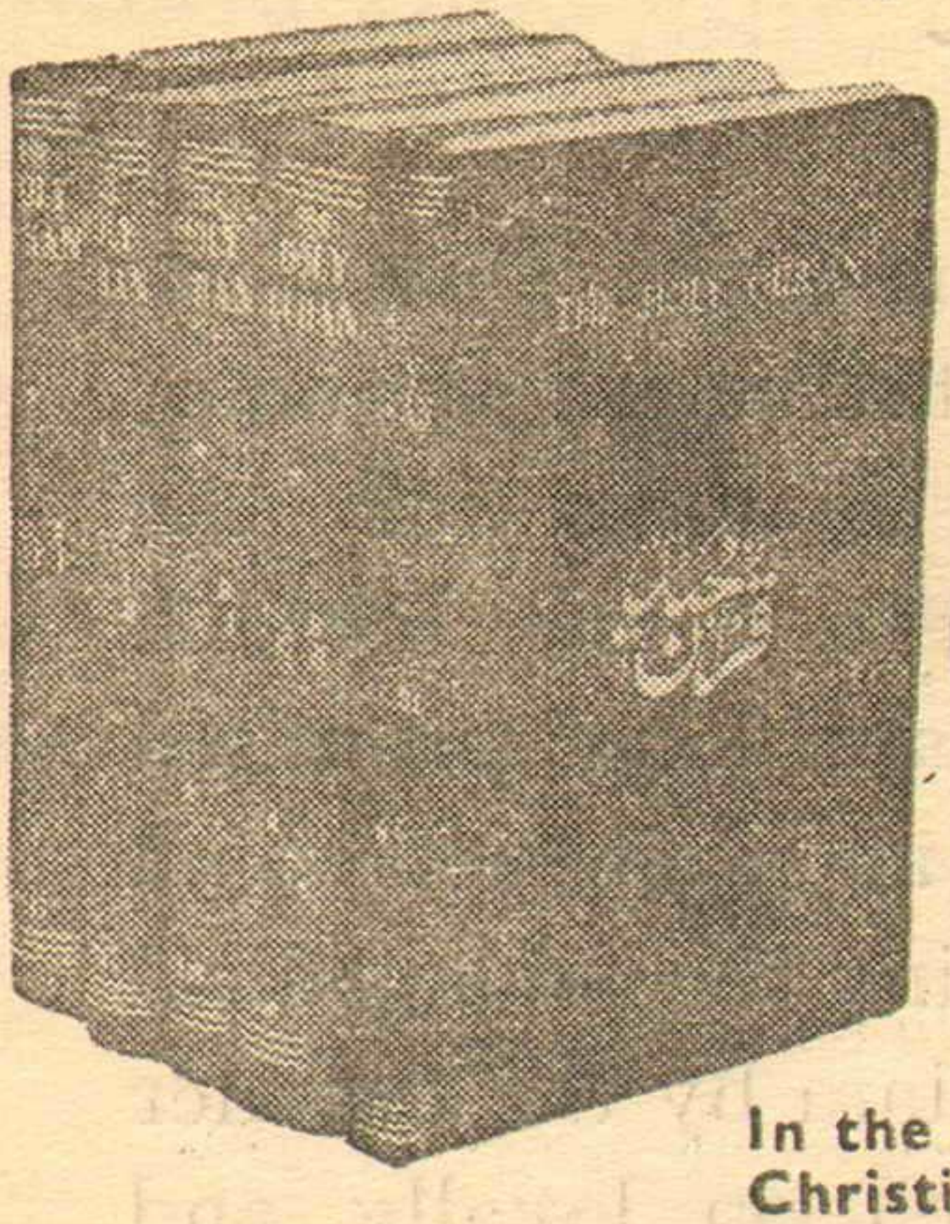

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